Request for City Council Committee Action
from the Department of Police

Date: September 20, 2010

To: Public Safety and Health Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: **Permission to Accept Grant Funds and Execute a Grant Agreement for the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program**

Recommendation: That the Police Department be authorized to accept $175,000 from the US Department of Justice, OJP – National Institute of Justice and execute a contract with them. The Department also requests an amendment to the general appropriation resolution for 2010 in the amount of $175,000. The funds will operate through Federal grant fund, 01300-4003300-321010.

Previous Directives: The Police Department has been fortunate to receive four other Paul Coverdell grant awards for Crime Lab upgrades.

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Deputy Chief Robert Allen

Reviews
- Permanent Review Committee (PRC):   Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval   Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG):   Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
     Dept Name: ___Police_____
     Fund Name: ___ federal grant fund, 01300-4003300_____
     Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____-_____
     Amount: $__175,000_____
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
     Dept Name: ___Police_____
     Fund Name: ___ federal grant fund, 01300-4003300-321010
     Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____-_____
     Amount: $__175,000_____
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact
- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

The Police Department requests permission to accept $175,000 under the US Department of Justice, office of Justice Programs – National Institute of Justice Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program. The grant will be used to purchase a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) that is designed to assist a forensic laboratory in the efficient management of data relating to forensic casework, including evidence handling, chain of custody and report generation.